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**PLANT CITY MAN SENTENCED TO MORE THAN 56 YEARS' IMPRISONMENT
ON BRADENTON ROBBERY CHARGES**

Tampa - United States District Judge William J. Castagna sentenced Bobby Lamar Albritton, age 25 of Plant City, Florida, to 56 ½ years' imprisonment regarding two separate bank robberies that occurred in Lakeland and Mulberry, Florida.

The defendant was indicted on April 23, 2003 and was found guilty by a jury on September 22, 2003. Count One charged the defendant with robbing the Bank of America, 6990 South Florida Avenue, Lakeland, Polk County, Florida. Count Three charged the defendant with using a handgun during the robbery of that bank. Count Five charged the defendant with robbing the Sun Trust Bank, 400 North Church Avenue, Mulberry, Florida. Count Seven charged the defendant with using a gun during the Sun Trust Bank robbery.

The case represents the culmination of a cooperative effort between the United States Attorney's Office, the Plant City Police Department, the Polk County Sheriff's Office, the State Attorney's Office for the Tenth Judicial District, the FBI and FDLE. This is another case prosecuted as a part the Department of Justice program "Project Safe Neighborhoods" - a nationwide gun violence reduction initiative with strong support from

the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). United States Attorney Paul I. Perez is coordinating the cooperative effort here in the Middle District of Florida with federal, state and local law enforcement officials. The objective is to reduce violent crime by locating and seizing unlawfully possessed guns and then swiftly prosecuting the offenders using both federal and state gun laws.

Assistant United States Attorney John F. Rudy, III prosecuted the case.